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Mr. Edwards reports, that in compliance with the Committee's instructions of the 15th June, he has given his best attention to the subject of the plan, preparation, and cost of a printed Catalogue of the Reference Department of the Library; and he submits herewith an outline of the plan which he recommends to the Committee's consideration, together with estimates from several printers of the cost of printing a Catalogue on that plan, and in accordance with the accompanying "Specimen Pages," which have been set up in type, as well for the purpose of obtaining uniform estimates, as of better elucidating the subject generally.

(1.) GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

Mr. Edwards begs to observe, *in limine*, that in drawing up this report, he has felt it to be his duty to keep strictly in mind the observations which have been made incidentally, in the Committee, as to the necessity of the utmost practicable *economy* in the preparation and printing of the projected Catalogue. The plan now submitted does not therefore represent his idea of the *best* Catalogue which might be proposed for the Reference Collection, under all the circumstances of its present character and its probable future growth, but simply indicates such a Catalogue as he believes will be found to combine the two somewhat conflicting qualities, (first) of satisfying most of the requirements of readers of all classes, and (secondly) of being obtainable at a cost which the Committee will probably deem reasonable.

The Catalogue which appears most completely to fulfil both of these conditions, is one which shall be arranged in *CLASSES*, corresponding with the existing general arrangement of the Library, and which shall be accompanied by two separate alphabetical indices;—the one an Index of Authors, and the other an Index of Matters or Topics.

A Catalogue arranged in classes, is obviously the only one which can effectually meet the wants of the reader who is desirous to obtain from the Library all the help it can give him in studying any particular subject. Such a Catalogue,

however, answers but very imperfectly the purpose of a reader who is in quest of a particular book—anonymous it may be—the title of which he knows, but the precise place of which in a Classed Catalogue he may possibly be puzzled to ascertain. Such a reader is best served by an “INDEX of TOPICS,” taken strictly from the titles, and alphabetically arranged, which leads him instantly to his book, if it be in the Library. Nor is this the only use of such an index. It will not, indeed, supply the place of a Classed Catalogue, since it only brings together such books upon any subject as carry a similar phraseology on their title pages; but this very necessity of following the *title pages* will often group together the books which treat of particular sections and sub-divisions of a large subject in a more useful and compendious form than may otherwise be attained.

The value of an INDEX OF THE NAMES OF AUTHORS—bringing into one alphabetical series all the writers whose works are scattered throughout the various classes of the main Catalogue—will scarcely need any illustration; but it may be remarked, that the degree of this value must chiefly depend on the entire separation of the names of authors from other and extraneous matter. The mixing up in one Index or Catalogue of the names of “AUTHORS” and the headings of “TOPICS,” as has often been done, is a frequent source of confusion, uncertainty, and loss of time.

The existing general classification of the Reference Library is in six main divisions, namely,—

- Class I. THEOLOGY;
- “ II. PHILOSOPHY;
- “ III. HISTORY;
- “ IV. POLITICS and COMMERCE;
- “ V. SCIENCES and ARTS;
- “ VI. LITERATURE and POLYGRAPHY.

The number of the SUB-DIVISIONS and sections into which it may be advisable to resolve these several classes will mainly depend on the extent to which each class of Literature may respectively be well or ill-represented in the Library, at the time of sending the Catalogue to press. It cannot, of course, be expected that a Library which is still in its cradle, should as yet possess any claim to be called positively strong in *any* department, but its comparative strength is much greater in some departments than in others. Already, for example, it contains a large collection of works in the Literature of Commerce and of Political Economy in general,—a collection so extensive, indeed, that if its present deficiencies be supplied as opportunity may offer, and it be properly kept up hereafter, it cannot fail to become the most remarkable one on that subject in the country. It has a fair collection of works relating to *British* History. There is also the foundation of an excellent series of the British Poets (both in collections and in separate works), of Voyages and Travels, and of books on the Mechanical Sciences. In all other departments the Library is still very poorly provided. It is obvious, therefore, that it will be necessary to give to the Catalogue a far more

detailed classification, under the heads "HISTORY" and "POLITICS AND COMMERCE" (which, together, will comprise more than 12,000 volumes out of the 20,000, in round numbers, which the Reference Department contains) than will be requisite under the heads "THEOLOGY" and "PHILOSOPHY" (which together, as yet, comprise somewhat less than 1,000 volumes). This remark, however, will scarcely apply to the class, "SCIENCES AND ARTS," the needful sub-divisions of which are to a considerable extent independent of the number of works which may have to be catalogued in it. That also is the class which presents most obstacles in the way of a satisfactory classification, not only on account of the rapid growth of the Sciences themselves, but from the difficulty with which a thoroughly good arrangement of scientific works can be made a universally intelligible one. There will probably, for example, be little doubt that the classification of the Sciences which Dr. Whewell has employed in his admirable works, *The History of the Inductive Sciences*, and *The Philosophy of the Inductive Sciences*, is the best that is extant; but it may be doubted whether its adoption in the Catalogue of a Library which is intended for, and is frequented by both the learned and the unlearned, would, on the whole, be productive of advantage.\* In the preparation of the scheme now submitted, this two-fold relation of the Library to the public has been borne in mind:—

## (2.) OUTLINE OF PROPOSED SCHEME OF CLASSIFICATION:—

### Class I. *THEOLOGY*:—

#### Div. 1. HOLY SCRIPTURES:—

- § *a.* Complete texts and versions.
- § *b.* Detached books of the Old and New Testaments.
- § *c.* Harmonies of the Old and New Testaments.
- § *d.* Apocryphal Scriptures.
- § *e.* Bible Histories.

#### Div. 2. SACRED PHILOLOGY:—

- § *a.* Introductions to the Holy Scriptures.
- § *b.* Commentaries and Paraphrases [*without the Text*].
- § *c.* Biblical Concordances and Dictionaries.
- § *d.* Treatises on Biblical Antiquities.
- § *e.* Treatises on the Geography and Natural History of the Bible.
- § *f.* Connexions of Sacred and Profane History.

#### Div. 3. COLLECTIVE WORKS of THEOLOGIANs.

- " 4. DOGMATIC and POLEMIC THEORY.
- " 5. CATECHETICAL THEOLOGY.

\* As an illustration of what is meant, Dr. Whewell's substitution of the designation, "*Classificatory and Palætiological Sciences*," for the very vague and unsatisfactory phrase, "*Natural History*," may be adduced. The scientific reader, it is probable, would not question the propriety of substituting, in a Classed Catalogue, a designation which is at once definite, accurate, and expressive, for one which is undeniably loose, inaccurate, and unsuitable. But the unscientific reader might be puzzled by the novelty of Dr. Whewell's terminology.



Div. 6. PASTORAL and HORTATORY THEOLOGY.

“ 7. MYSTICAL THEOLOGY.

“ 8. LITURGIES and TREATISES ON ECCLESIASTICAL RITES and CEREMONIES.

“ 9. WORKS RELATING to JUDAISM.

“ 10. NATURAL THEOLOGY.

Class II. *PHILOSOPHY*:—

Div. 1. COLLECTIVE WORKS of PHILOSOPHERS and GENERAL TREATISES on PHILOSOPHY.

“ 2. TREATISES ON ETHICS, or MORAL PHILOSOPHY in PARTICULAR.

“ 3. TREATISES ON METAPHYSICS, or INTELLECTUAL PHILOSOPHY in PARTICULAR.

Class III. *HISTORY*:—

Div. 1. TREATISES and LECTURES on the COMPOSITION and STUDY of HISTORY, and on its OBJECTS and USES.

“ 2. UNIVERSAL HISTORY and BIOGRAPHY.

“ 3. ANCIENT HISTORY and BIOGRAPHY.

“ 4. HISTORY of the MIDDLE AGES.

“ 5. GENERAL ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

“ 6. HISTORY of MODERN **Europe** GENERALLY.

“ 7. HISTORY of **Great Britain and Ireland**:—

§ *a.* History of the United Kingdom generally.

§ *b.* Histories of **England** in particular, extending over several reigns.

§ *c.* Chroniclers and Ancient Historians of **England**, before the Conquest.

§ *d.* Histories of Individual Reigns, and works illustrative thereof.

§ *e.* Ecclesiastical History of the United Kingdom generally.

§ *f.* Ecclesiastical History of **England**:—

.i. *Ecclesiastical History of England generally.*

ii. *History of particular periods before the Reformation.*

iii. *History of the Reformation, and works illustrative thereof.*

iv. *History of particular periods since the Reformation.*

v. *General History of Dissenters from the Church of England.*

vi. *Denominational History of Dissenters from the Church of England.*

§ *g.* Parliamentary History of **England**.

§ *h.* Naval History of the United Kingdom, and of **England** in particular.

§ *i.* Military History of the United Kingdom, &c.

§ *k.* Monetary and Medallie History of the United Kingdom, and of **England** in particular.

§ *l.* Topographical History of **England**:—

i. *General Descriptions and Surveys.*

ii. *Architectural and Sepulchral Antiquities.*

iii. *Topography of particular counties.*

§ m. Biographical History of the United Kingdom, and of **England** in particular :—

- i. *Collective Biography.*
- ii. *Particular Biography,*
- iii. *Peerages, Baronetages, Political Indexes, and the like.*

§ n. Collections of State Papers, of Public Records, and of other historical documents, relating to the United Kingdom, or to **England** in particular.

§ o. History of the Kingdom of **Scotland** :—

- i. *General History of Scotland.*
- ii. *Ecclesiastical History of Scotland.*
- iii. *Military History of Scotland.*
- iv. *Topographical History of Scotland.*
- v. *Biographical History of Scotland.*
- vi. *Collections of Scottish State Papers, Records, &c.*

§ p. History of the Kingdom of **Ireland** :—

- i. *General History of Ireland.*
- ii. *Ecclesiastical History of Ireland.*
- iii. *Military History of Ireland.*
- iv. *Topographical History of Ireland.*
- v. *Biographical History of Ireland.*
- vi. *Collections of Irish State Papers, Records, &c.*

§ q. History of the Principality of Wales.

§ r. History of the British Colonies and Dependencies :—

- i. *History of the Colonies generally.*
- ii. *Collective History of the **American Colonies.***
- iii. *Collective History of the **West India Colonies.***
- iv. *Collective History of the **Australian Colonies.***
- v. *History of particular Colonies.*
- vi. *History of **British India.***

Div. 8. MODERN HISTORY OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF **Europe** :—

- § a. History of **Belgium**, and of **Holland.**
- § b. History of **Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.**
- § c. History of **France.**
- § d. History of **Germany**, and of parts thereof.
- § e. History of **Greece.**
- § f. History of **Hungary.**
- § g. History of **Italy**, and of parts thereof.
- § h. History of **Poland.**
- § i. History of **Russia.**
- § k. History of **Switzerland.**
- § l. History of **Turkey.**
- § m. History of other parts of EUROPE.

Div. 9. HISTORY OF **America** :—

- i. *History of the American Continent generally.*
- ii. *History of the United States of America [since the Declaration of Independence].*
- iii. *History of Mexico.*
- iv. *History of Hayti.*
- v. *History of Central and Southern America.*

Div. 10. MODERN HISTORY OF **Africa**, AND OF **Asia**, AND OF PARTS THEREOF.

## Div. 11. GEOGRAPHY, HYDROGRAPHY, VOYAGES, and TRAVELS:—

- § a. Treatises on Geography and Hydrography—Transactions of Geographical Societies.
- § b. Introductory works on the uses, advantages, and methods of Travel.
- § c. History and Bibliography of Travel.
- § d. General collections of Voyages and Travels.
- § e. Voyages of the Ancients.
- § f. Voyages round the World, and Voyages of Arctic Discovery.
- § g. Travels in several quarters of the Globe.
- § h. Travels in **Europe**:—

- i. *Travels in various countries of Europe.*
- ii. *Travels in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.*
- iii. *Travels in Greenland, Iceland, and Lapland.*
- iv. *Travels in Livonia, Poland, and Russia.*
- v. *Travels in European Turkey, and in the Crimea.*
- vi. *Travels in Istria, Dalmatia, Sclavonia, Styria, the Tyrol, Bohemia, Transylvania, Hungary, Croatia, and the Danubian Principalities.*
- vii. *Travels in Germany.*
- viii. *Travels in Switzerland, and Descriptions of the Passes, &c., of the Alps.*
- ix. *Travels in Italy; Voyages in the Mediterranean; Descriptions of Sicily and Malta.*
- x. *Travels in the Balearic Islands, and in the islands of Sardinia and Corsica; Descriptions of the Adriatic, &c.*
- xi. *Travels in France.*
- xii. *Travels in Holland, and in the Low Countries generally.*
- xiii. *Travels in Great Britain, and in the Channel Islands.*
- xiv. *Travels in Portugal and Spain.*

§ q. Travels in **Africa**:—

- i. *Travels in various parts of Africa.*
- ii. *Travels in the Barbary States, and in Algeria.*
- iii. *Travels on the Continent, and in the Islands of Western Africa.*
- iv. *Travels on the Continent, and in the Islands of Southern and Eastern Africa; in Caffraria, Abyssinia, and Nubia.*
- v. *Travels in Egypt.*

§ r. Travels in **Asia**:—

- i. *Travels in various parts of Asia.*
- ii. *Travels in Asiatic Turkey generally, and in Syria and the Holy Land in particular.*
- iii. *Travels in Arabia, Persia, Armenia, Mingrelia, and Georgia.*
- iv. *Travels in the East Indies.*
- v. *Voyages in the Gulf of Bengal; Travels in Pegu, Burmah, Siam, and Cochin China.*
- vi. *Voyages in the Indian Ocean; Travels in Ceylon, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Celebes and the Philippine Islands.*
- vii. *Travels in Japan, China, and Tartary.*
  - i. *Travels in Siberia, Kamschatka, and other parts of Asiatic Russia.*



§ s. Travels in **America** :—

- i. *Travels in various parts, both of North and South America.*
- ii. *Travels in North America generally.*
- iii. *Travels in British North America.*
- iv. *Travels in the United States.*
- v. *Travels in Mexico.*
- vi. *Travels in the West Indies.*
- vii. *Travels in Southern and Central America.*

§ t. Voyages in the **South Seas**, and in **Polynesia**.

§ u. Travels in **Australia**.

**Class IV. POLITICS and COMMERCE :—**

Div. 1. GENERAL TREATISES ON POLITICS, on the OBJECTS and FUNCTIONS of GOVERNMENT, and on the PROVINCE of LEGISLATION.

Div. 2. NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS, and TREATISES RELATING THERETO.

“ 3. TREATISES ON MONARCHY :—

§ a. General Treatises.

§ b. Treatises on the Succession and Prerogatives of the Crown of **England**.

Div. 4. TREATISES ON PARLIAMENTARY and REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLIES :—

§ a. General Treatises.

§ b. Treatises on the English Baronage, the Functions and Privileges of the British House of Lords, and on the Dignity of a Peer of the Realm.

§ c. Treatises on the Constitution, Functions, and Privileges of the British House of Commons :—

i. *Treatises on the Constitution of the House of Commons generally.*

ii. *Treatises on the Reform of the House of Commons.*

iii. *Reports and other Treatises on Bribery at Elections.*

iv. *Treatises on the Ballot, and on other Measures of Electoral Reform.*

v. *Treatises on the Privileges of the House of Commons.*

vi. *Reports and other Papers relating to the Internal Economy of the House of Commons, and to the transaction of its business.*

vii. *Collections of Reports and Papers of the House of Commons, on various subjects.*

§ d. Treatises on the Representative Assemblies of Foreign Countries.

Div. 5. TREATISES on the ADMINISTRATION of CIVIL GOVERNMENT :—

§ a. General Treatises.

§ b. Treatises on the Civil Service of **Great Britain and Ireland**.

Div. 6. GENERAL TREATISES ON LAW.

“ 7. COLLECTIONS of LAWS, and EXPOSITORY TREATISES THEREON :—

§ a. Collections of the Laws of **England**, and of the United Kingdom generally.

§ b. Commentaries on the Laws of **England**, and Expository Treatises.

- § c. Reports and other Treatises on the Codification of the Laws of **England**.
- § d. Reports and other Treatises on the Reform of the Laws of **England**.
- § e. Treatises on the Powers, Functions, and Privileges of English Courts of Law, and on their forms of procedure.
- § f. Collections of the Laws of **Scotland**, and Treatises relating thereto, and to Scottish Law Courts.
- § g. Collections of the Laws of **Ireland**, and Treatises relating thereto, and to Irish Law Courts.
- § h. Collections of the Laws of **Wales**, and Treatises relating thereto.
- § i. Collections of the **Colonial** Laws of the **United Kingdom**, and Treatises relating thereto.
- § k. Collections of the Laws of the **United States of America**, &c.
- § l. Collections of the Laws of FOREIGN COUNTRIES, &c.
- § m. Treatises on International Law, and on the Rights of Neutrals.

Div. 8. TREATISES ON THE CRIMINAL LAWS :—

- § a. General Treatises.
- § b. Treatises on the Reform of the Criminal Law.
- § c. Treatises on Police, Punishments, and Prison Discipline.
- § d. Statistics of Crime.

Div. 9. POLITICAL ECONOMY :—

- § a. Treatises on Political Economy in general, or on some of its fundamental principles.
- § b. Treatises on Commerce and Commercial Policy :—
  - i. *Systematic Treatises on Commerce—Commercial Dictionaries.*
  - ii. *Treatises on Mercantile Law generally, on its Reform, and on Tribunals of Commerce.*
  - iii. *Treatises on the Law of Partnership, and on Limited Liability in particular.*
  - iv. *Treatises on the Navigation Laws in particular, and on the Laws relating to Lighthouses, Pilotage, and Shipping.*
  - v. *Treatises on the Corn Laws in particular, and on Protective Laws and Free Trade generally.*
  - vi. *Treatises on the Bankrupt Laws; on the Law of Debtor and Creditor, and on Imprisonment for Debt, in particular.*
  - vii. *Commercial Treaties and Tariffs.*
  - viii. *Treatises on Weights and Measures; on the Decimal System, and on Mercantile Accounts generally.*
  - ix. *Treatises on particular branches of Commerce.*
  - x. *History of Commerce.*
- § c. Treatises on particular branches of Political Economy, and on subjects connected therewith :—
  - i. *On Agriculture, on Inclosures, and on the Improvement of Waste Lands.*
  - ii. *On Annuities, Bills of Mortality, the Value of Reversions, the Doctrine of Probabilities, and the Assurance of Lives, Ships, and Houses.*

- iii. *On Coin and other Curreney, Banking, Exchanges, Interest, and Public Funds.*
- iv. *On Colonies and Dependencies.*
- v. *On Corporations.*
- vi. *On Fisheries.*
- vii. *On the Naturalization of Aliens.*
- viii. *On Patent Laws and Copyright.*
- ix. *On Political Arithmetic.*
- x. *On the Poor, and Poor-Laws.*
- xi. *On Population :—*
  - (1.) *On the Law of the Progress of Population generally.*
  - (2.) *Censuses of the Population of the United Kingdom, and Treatises relating thereto.*
  - (3.) *Censuses of the Population of Foreign Countries, and Treatises relating thereto.*
- xii. *On Property, on the Testamentary Power, and on the Law of Suecession.*
- xiii. *On Public Accounts.*
- xiv. *On Public Charities.*
- xv. *On Public Health.*
- xvi. *On Public Revenues, Debts, Taxation, and Finance.*
- xvii. *On Public Works.*
- xviii. *On Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.*
- xix. *On Slavery and the Slave Trade.*
- xx. *On Wages and Combinations, and on the Regulation and Organization of Labour.*

Div. 10. TREATISES ON CHURCH ESTABLISHMENTS and REVENUES, and on RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, and MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

“ 11. TREATISES ON PUBLIC EDUCATION :—

- § a. General Treatises on Public Education, on the Duties of the State in relation thereto, and on the Voluntary Principle as applied to Education.
- § b. Treatises on the Present State of Education in particular Countries—Educational Statistics.
- § c. Reports of Educational Boards and Societies, and works relating thereto.

Div. 12. TREATISES ON ARMIES and NAVIES ; their ORGANIZATION, MAINTENANCE, and DISCIPLINE.

- “ 13. TREATISES ON FOREIGN POLICY, and on the RIGHTS, DUTIES, and PAYMENT OF AMBASSADORS and CONSULS.
- “ 14. POLITICAL SATIRES and MISCELLANIES—TREATISES on the LIBERTY of the PRESS.

Class V. *SCIENCES and ARTS :—*

Div. 1. TREATISES on the SCIENCES and ARTS COLLECTIVELY ; DICTIONARIES of SCIENCE and ART ; GENERAL TRANSACTIONS of PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES.

“ 2. PHYSICAL SCIENCES :—

- § a. Histories of the Physical Sciences and General Treatises thereon.
- § b. Treatises on Physics :—

- i. *Physics generally.*
- ii. *Mechanics, Statics, and Dynamics.*
- iii. *Acoustics.*
- iv. *Optics.*
- v. *Pneumatics, Thermotics, Atmology, Electricity, Magnetism, Meteorology.*
- vi. *Physical Astronomy.*

§ c. *Chemistry and the Allied Sciences :—*

- i. *Treatises on Chemistry and the Allied Sciences in general ; Dictionaries and Manuals of Chemistry.*
- ii. *Treatises on particular branches of Chemistry :—*
  - (1.) *Inorganic Chemistry.*
  - (2.) *Organic Chemistry.*
  - (3.) *Analytical Chemistry.*
  - (4.) *Technical Chemistry, or the application of Chemistry to the Arts.*
  - (5.) *Transactions of Chemical Societies, and Periodicals devoted to Chemistry.*
- iii. *Treatises on Mineralogy and Crystallography.*
- iv. *Treatises on Geology :—*
  - (1.) *General Treatises and Manuals of Geology.*
  - (2.) *Treatises on particular branches of Geology and on its applications.*
  - (3.) *Transactions of Geological Societies, and Periodicals devoted to Geology.*

§ d. *Biological Sciences :—*

- i. *General Treatises on Natural History at large.*
- ii. *Treatises on Comparative Anatomy and Physiology in general.*
- iii. *Treatises on Human Anatomy and Physiology in particular.*
- iv. *Zoology :—*
  - (1.) *General Treatises.*
  - (2.) *Treatises on particular branches of Zoology.*
  - (3.) *Treatises on the Zoology of particular Countries and Districts.*
  - (4.) *Transactions of Zoological Societies, and Periodicals devoted to Zoology.*
- v. *Phytology or Botany :—*
  - (1.) *General Treatises on Botany.*
  - (2.) *Treatises on Physiological Botany.*
  - (3.) *Treatises on Botanical Geography, or on the Botany of particular Countries and Districts.*
  - (4.) *Transactions of Botanical Societies, and Periodicals devoted to Botany.*

§ e. *Palæontology.*

Div. 3. *MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES ;—*

- § a. *General Treatises on the Mathematical Sciences ; Dictionaries and Histories of Mathematics.*
- § b. *Treatises on particular branches of Mathematics :—*
  - i. *Arithmetic.*
  - ii. *Algebra.*
  - iii. *Geometry, Conic Sections, and Mensuration.*
  - iv. *Plane and Spherical Trigonometry.*
  - v. *Differential and Integral Calculus.*



## Div. 4. MECHANICAL ARTS :—

- § a. Treatises on the Mechanical Arts, generally.
- § b. Civil Engineering :—
  - i. *General Treatises on Engineering ; Elementary Works ; Encyclopædias of Engineering.*
  - ii. *Treatises on the Steam Engine, and on its applications to Locomotion and Navigation.*
  - iii. *Practical Treatises on the Construction of Roads, Railways, and Bridges.*
  - iv. *Practical Treatises on the Construction of Docks, Harbours, Canals, and other Public Works.*
  - v. *Treatises on Engineering Field-work.*
- § c. Practical Treatises on the Constructive part of Architecture and works relating thereto.
- § d. Practical Treatises on other Mechanical Arts, Trades, and Manufactures, in particular :—
  - i. *On Mining and Metallurgy ; the Construction of Machinery ; Turning and Mechanical Manipulation.*
  - ii. *On Textile Fabrics ;—their manufacture, bleaching, dyeing, printing, &c.*
  - iii. *On the Construction of Mathematical and Philosophical Instruments ; Clock and Watch-making.*
  - iv. *On Type-founding, Printing, Lithography, Zincography, &c.*
  - v. *On Pottery and other Ceramic Manufactures, and on Glass-making.*
  - vi. *On other Mechanical Arts and Trades.*

## Div. 5. MILITARY and NAVAL ARTS :—

- § a. Treatises on the Art of War, in general.
- § b. Treatises on Military Engineering and Fortification.
- § c. Treatises on the Construction of Arms, Ordnance, and other Implements of War.
- § d. Treatises on Tactics and Strategy.
- § e. Treatises on Navigation and Naval Warfare, generally.
- § f. Treatises on the Art of Navigation, in particular.
- § g. Treatises on Naval Gunnery.
- § h. Treatises on Ship Building.

## “ 6. ARTS of DESIGN :—

- § a. General Treatises on the Arts of Design.
- § b. Painting :—
  - i. *Systematic Treatises on the Art of Painting.*
  - ii. *Treatises on particular Schools of Painting.*
  - iii. *Catalogues and descriptions of Pictures.*
- § c. Sculpture and Plastic Art, generally.
- § d. Engraving :—
  - i. *Treatises on the Art of Engraving.*
  - ii. *Collections of Engraved Prints.*
- § e. Architectural Design.
- § f. Landscape Gardening.
- § g. Photography.

## Div. 7. ART of WRITING :—

- § a. General Treatises.
- § b. Treatises on Palæography, and Collections of Examples.
- § c. Treatises on Short-Hand.

## Div. 8. MUSICAL and HISTRIONIC ARTS :—

- § *a.* Treatises on Music and the Histrionic Arts, collectively.
- § *b.* General Treatises on Music.
- § *c.* Treatises on the Physico-Mathematical Theory of Music, and on Composition, Counterpoint, &c.
- § *d.* Practical Treatises on the Art of Music, on particular Musical Instruments, and on Vocal Music.
- § *e.* History of Music.
- § *f.* Treatises on the Histrionic Art ; Histories of the Stage.

## Div. 9. MEDICAL ARTS :—

- § *a.* General and Systematic Treatises on Medicine and the Sciences allied therewith.
- § *b.* Treatises on particular branches of Medicine.
- § *c.* Treatises on Surgery in particular, and on Surgical Anatomy.
- § *d.* Treatises on the Materia Medica, and on Pharmacy.
- § *e.* Treatises on Dietetics.

## Div. 10. DOMESTIC and RECREATIVE ARTS.

Class VI. *LITERATURE and POLYGRAPHY* :—

## Div. 1. GENERAL TREATISES on LITERATURE and LITERARY COMPOSITION—HISTORIES of LITERATURE in GENERAL.

## “ 2. LINGUISTICS, or PHILOLOGY :—

- § *a.* General Treatises on Grammar and Language.
- § *b.* Grammatical and Philological Treatises on particular Languages.
- § *c.* Dictionaries ; Lexicons ; Vocabularies, &c.

## Div. 3. POETRY and FICTION :—

- § *a.* General collections of the Poetry and Fiction of various Countries, and Histories thereof.
- § *b.* Collections of National Poetry and Fiction, and Histories thereof.
- § *c.* Works of Classic Greek Poets.
- § *d.* Works of Classic Latin Poets.
- § *e.* Works of British Poets.
- § *f.* Works of Modern Foreign Poets.
- § *g.* Early Romantic Fiction (both Metrical and Prosaic).
- § *h.* Comic, Pastoral, and Heroic Romance.
- § *i.* Dramatic Poetry :—
  - i. *Collections of Plays, by various authors.*
  - ii. *Collective works of individual authors.*
  - iii. *Separate Plays.*
  - iv. *History of Dramatic Poetry.*
- § *k.* Modern Tales, Novels, and Romances.

## Div. 4. ORATORY ; or, COLLECTIONS of SPEECHES on VARIOUS and MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS ; and TREATISES on ORATORY.

## “ 5. ESSAYS, PROVERBS, and LITERARY MISCELLANIES.

## Div. 6. EPISTOLOGRAPHY ; or, COLLECTIONS of LETTERS on VARIOUS and MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS ; and TREATISES on LETTER WRITING.

## “ 7. BIBLIOGRAPHY and LITERARY HISTORY of PARTICULAR COUNTRIES.

Div. 8. POLYGRAPHY [or, Collections of Works and Treatises on Subjects extending over two or more of the CLASSES comprised in this Scheme of Classification]:—

- § a. Collective Works of British Polygraphers.
- § b. Collective Works of Foreign Polygraphers.
- § c. Encyclopædias.
- § d. Reviews, Magazines, and other periodicals.

As to the *order* in which it is proposed to catalogue the various works which would be comprised in the several divisions and sub-divisions thus enumerated, no general rule can be stated. It would of necessity vary with the different classes. Thus, for instance, the best arrangement of the third division of Class I. (THEOLOGY)—“Collective works of Theologians”—would be *alphabetical*, according to the *names of the authors*; that of section *m.* (Div. 7) of Class II. (HISTORY)—“Particular Biography”—would be *alphabetical*, according to the *names of the subjects* of those lives; that, again, of section *d.* of the same division—“History of Great Britain during several reigns”—should be *chronological*, according to the periods respectively embraced in each History; and that of the 10th section of Class VI. (LITERATURE and POLYGRAPHY, Div. 3)—“Modern Tales, Novels, and Romances”—should be *alphabetical*, according to the *first word of each title*, without regard to the names of the respective authors.

As to the *length* of the individual titles—that also would greatly vary, according to the character and contents of the book to be catalogued; but the rule should be, to observe the utmost brevity which may be consistent with a full and accurate indication of those *contents*, in each case respectively. In practice, it will be found that the length of the *title pages* themselves will have but little bearing on this point. Of many very long titles, extending it may be to fifteen or twenty lines of letter-press, every word, except three or four, is mere surplusage, and may be omitted without the smallest disadvantage. From others scarcely a word can be retrenched, without depriving the title of its real significance and value. Thus, in “82. O. 15,” we have—

“The Tragedies gathered by Jhon BOCHAS, of all such Princes as fell from theyr Estates throughe the mutability of Fortune, since the Creacion of Adam until his time; [wherein may be seen what vices bring menne to destruccion, wyth notable warninges how the like may be avoyded.]”

“Translated into English [verse] by John LIDGATE, Monk, of Burye.  
B.L. Fol. Imprinted at London, by John Wayland. [1550.]”

If the Library possessed the *De casibus virorum et faminarum illustrium libri ix.*, of which this is a poetical paraphrase, it might perhaps be enough to draw a line under the original title, and add the translator's name, thus: ————— Engl., by JOHN LIDGATE, &c. But to make a summary title (after a too frequent fashion), and say, “The Tragedies by Jhon BOCHAS, translated by LYDGATE,” would give the merely English reader (unfamiliar with Boccaccio) a totally incorrect idea of the book. On the other hand, in “82. O. 14,” we have—

“The Life and Death of Hector....written by John LIDGATE. Fol. Lond. Thos. Purfoot, 1614.”



On the title-page this occupies eighteen closely printed lines (all the rest of which are mere amplification), but it would be necessary to *add* a statement (omitted in the book itself) which should be in brackets thus—" [A re-arrangement of Lydgate's 'Troy-Book,' by an anonymous author];" otherwise a reader who should go to the Catalogue in search of "Troy-Book," would naturally conclude that the Library did not possess it in any form.

Again, in cataloguing "81. L. 23," or "110. O. 1," an almost literal transcript of the title-page may in either case be given in a single line, and nothing more is needed:—

81. L. 23. Paradise Lost; a Poem, in ten books. The author John MILTON. 4to.

*Lond. printed by S. Simmons, 1669.*

110. O. 1. Philosophiæ naturalis principia mathematica. Auctore Isaaco NEWTONO.

Editio tertia. Fol. *Lond. 1726.*

But with "139. O. 18," *three* lines; with "7. O. 5," *four* lines; with "139. O. 19," *five* lines; and with "5. O. 12," even *six* lines may be necessary in order to a full and accurate description of the book, *e. g.* :—

139. O. 18. The Ethiopic Didascalia; or Version of the Apostolical Constitutions received in the Church of Abyssinia. With an English translation. Edited and translated by Thomas Pell PLATT. 4to. *Lond. published for the Oriental Translation Fund, 1834.*

7. O. 5. The History of Great Britain, during the Reign of Queen Anne, with a dissertation concerning the danger of the Protestant Succession; and an Appendix containing Original Papers. By Thomas SOMERVILLE. 4to. *Lond. 1798.*

139. O. 19. Christ's Victorie over Sathan's tyrannie: wherein is contained a catalogue of all Christ's faithfull Souldiers that .... the Emperours, or .. the Popes have .. martyred for the truth ..... Faithfully abstracted out of the Booke of Martyrs, and divers other books, by Thomas MASON. B. L. Fol. *Lond. George Eld and Ralph Blower, 1615.*

5. O. 12. The Compleat Ambassador; or two treaties of the intended Marriage of Qu. Elizabeth ..... comprised in letters of negotiation of Sir Francis WALSINGHAM, her President in France; together with the answers of the Lord Burleigh, the Earl of Leicester, Sir Tho. Smith, and others ..... Collected by Sir Dudley DIGGES. [*With MS. Notes by Thomas Gray.*] Fol. *Lond. printed by Tho. Newcomb, 1655.*

When the works of several authors are published together, it will of course be indispensable to enumerate each separate work; as, for instance:—

6. P. 20, 21. Secret History of the Court of James the First, containing—

- i. OSBORNE'S Traditional Memoirs;
- ii. Sir Anthony WELDON'S Court and Character of King James;
- iii. Sir Edward PEYTON'S Divine Catastrophe of the House of Stuarts;

With Notes and Introductory Remarks. [Edited by Sir Walter SCOTT.] 2 vols. 8vo. *Edinb. 1811.*

### (3.) COST OF PREPARATION AND OF PRINTING.

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Messrs. Cave and Sever, Manchester;

" Galt, Kerruish, and Gent, Manchester;

" Harrison and Sons, London Gazette Office, London;

" Simms and Co., Manchester;

" Spottiswoodes, London;

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12	H	4	501 <i>Anglorum gesta</i> ; or a brief history of England, ..... since the first attempt of Julius Cæsar upon this island to the Coronation-day of Charles II. By George MERITON. 12mo. Lond. 1675.
3	N	15—24	502 <i>The History of England</i> , from the first invasion of the Romans to the accession of William and Mary in 1688. By John LINGARD, D.D. Fifth Edition, revised and considerably enlarged. 10 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1849.
9	P	8(a)	503 [ <i>Review of</i> LINGARD'S <i>History of England. From the Edinburgh Review</i> , Nos. 83 and 87. By John ALLEN.] 8vo. Edinb. 1825-6.
9	P	8(b)	504 <i>A Vindication of certain passages in the fourth and fifth volumes of the History of England.</i> By J. LINGARD, D.D. Fourth edition, with a postscript in answer to Dr. ALLEN'S Reply. 8vo. Lond. 1827.
9	P	8(c)	505 <i>Reply to Dr. LINGARD'S Vindication; in a letter to Francis Jeffray, (sic.) from John ALLEN.</i> Second edition. 8vo. Lond. 1827.
3	Q	10—12	506 <i>A complete history of England</i> , ..... to the death of K. William III. [By MILTON, DANIEL, HABINGTON, MORE, BUCK, BACON, HERBERT (of Cherbury), HAYWARD, GODWIN, CAMDEN, WILSON, and KENNET. Vols. 1 and 2 edited by John HUGHES.] 3 vols. Fol. Lond. 1706.
11	P	1	507 <i>Examen, or an inquiry into the credit and veracity of a pretended Complete History; shewing the perverse and wicked design of it, and the many falsities and abuses of truth contained in it; together with some memoirs ... tending to vindicate ... K. Charles II.</i> By the Hon. Roger NORTH. [Edited by Montagu NORTH. To which are added: Reflections upon some passages in Mr. LECLERC'S <i>Life of John Locke.</i> ] 4to. Lond. 1740.
7	O	3	508 <i>The history of political transactions and of Parties</i> , from the Restoration of K. Charles II. to the death of K. William. By Thomas SOMERVILLE, D.D. 4to. Lond. 1792.
8	N	31	509 Bishop BURNET'S <i>History of his own times</i> [1660-1713], with notes by the Earls of DARTMOUTH and HARDWICKE, Speaker ONSLOW and Dean SWIFT. To which are added other annotations [and to which is prefixed, a summary of affairs before the Restoration]. Second edition, enlarged. 6 vols. 8vo. Oxford, Univ. Press, 1833.
9	N	1—5	
9	N	8, 9	510 <i>An impartial examination of Bishop BURNET'S History of his own times; containing an abridgement of that history and suitable remarks on every material paragraph.</i> By Mr. SALMON. 2 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1724.
9	P	9	511* <i>A review of Bishop BURNET'S History of his own times; particularly his Characters and Secret Memoirs. With critical remarks shewing the partiality, inconsistency, and defects of that political history.</i> By a Gentleman. 8vo. Lond., printed for T. Warner, 1724.
9	N	6	512 <i>Historical and critical remarks on Bishop BURNET'S History of his own times.</i> By B. HIGGONS. 8vo. Lond. 1725
9	N	7	— with Postscript and Index. 8vo. Lond. 1736.
9	N	10	513 <i>Bishop BURNET'S late History charged with great partiality and misrepresentation, to make the present and future ages believe that Arthur Earl of Essex, in 1683, murdered himself.</i> 8vo. Lond. 1725

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(419) A description of the office of Credit, by the use of which none can possibly sustain Loss, but every man may certainly receive great Gain, and Wealth, . . . . . with divers other publick and private conveniences and profits; as also objections hitherto made against it, . . . fully answered. 4to, <i>London, printed by order of the Society, for Thos. Rooks, 1665.</i>	65	C	3 (a)
(420) A discourse shewing the many advantages which will accrue to this kingdom by the abatement of Usury, together with the . . . necessity of reducing Interest of Money to the lowest rate it bears in other countreys. . . . . By Sir Thomas CULPEPER, jun. Kt. 4to, <i>Lond. Tho. Leach, for Christopher Wilkinson, 1668.</i>	65	C	1 (e)
(421) A tract against the high rate of Usury, presented to the High Court of Parliament A. D. 1623, in which the use for money was brought down from Ten to Eight in the Hundred. By Sir Thos. CULPEPER, sen. Knt. Fourth Edition. To which is added, a Preface by Sir Thos. CULPEPER, jun. Kt. 4to, <i>Lond. T. Leach, for Christopher Wilkinson, 1668.</i>	65	C	1 (e)
(422) Brief observations concerning Trade, and the interest of money. By J. C. [ <i>i.e.</i> Sir Josiah CHLD. To which is added, Sir T. CULPEPER's Tract on Usury.] 4to, <i>Lond. 1688.</i>	65	C	6
(423) <i>Usury at Six per Cent. examined and found unjustly charged by Sir Thomas CULPEPER and J. C. with many crimes and oppressions whereof 'tis altogether innocent; wherein is shewed the necessity of retrenching our . . . consumption of Forraign Commodities, imported by English Money; also the reducing the Wages of Servants, Labourers, and Workmen . . . which raiseth the value of our manufactures 15 or 20 per cent.</i> By Thomas MANLEY. 4to, <i>London, printed by Thomas Radcliffe and Thomas Daniel, 1669.</i>	65	C	1 (k)
(424) <i>The necessity of abating Usury re-asserted; in a reply to the Discourse of Mr. Thomas MANLEY, entitled, "Usury at Six per cent. examined, &amp;c."</i> By Sir Thomas CULPEPER, jun. Knt. 4to, <i>London, printed by T. L. for Christopher Wilkinson, 1670.</i>	65	C	1 (f)
(425) Advice concerning Bills of Exchange. By John MARIUS. Third edition . . . enlarged and corrected by the Author, the title never before published by any. 12mo, <i>Lond. 1670.</i>	65	A	10
(426) The use and abuses of Money, and the Improvements of it, by two propositions for Regulating our Coin: whereby His Majesties occasions may be supplied. With the most likely way to advance a General Trade, Domesticke as well as Foreign. <i>Etc.</i> 4to, <i>Lond. printed for Allen Bancks and Charles Harper, 1671.</i>	65	C	1 (h)
(427) Several objections against the reducement of Interest propounded in a Letter, with the answer thereunto [signed 'R. W.' but written by Sir Thomas CULPEPER, jun.] 4to, <i>Lond. 1671.</i>	65	C	1 (f)
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(430) The case of the Bankers and their Creditors stated and examined: By a true Lover of his King and Country, and a Sufferer for Loyalty. 4to, <i>London, 1674.</i>	65	C	5
(431) A Discourse of Coin and Coinage; the first Invention, Use, . . . . . and Differences, ancient and modern; with the advantages and disadvantages of the rise or fall thereof in our own and neighbouring Nations; and the reasons, together with a short Account of our Common Law therein; as also tables of the value of all sorts of Pearls, Diamonds, Gold, Silver, and other Metals. By Rice VAUGHAN. 12mo, <i>London, 1655.</i>	65	A	11
(432) Proposals to the King and Parliament, or a large Model of a Bank, shewing how a Fund of a Bank may be made without much charge, or any hazard, that may give out Bills of Credit to a vast extent, that all Europe will accept of rather than money. . . . . By M.[atthew] L.[EWIS] D.D. 4to, <i>London, 1678.</i>	65	C	1 (l)
(433) England's Interest; or, the great benefit to Trade by Banks or Offices of Credit in London, &c. as it hath been considered and agreed by a Committee of Aldermen and Commons. . . . . 4to, <i>London, 1682.</i>	65	C	1 (n)
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It is impossible to estimate the precise number of titles and of pages to which the proposed Catalogue will extend, otherwise than by *approximation*. But taking the *closest* approximation that can be at present formed, and adopting— for the purpose of the calculation—the Brevier type and the compact method of



printing, shewn in "Specimen No. 2," of main Catalogue, with the Indices Nos. 3 and 4, and a rate of charge based on the lowest of the annexed estimates (marked A), together with the estimated cost of the preparation of the MS. and correction of the proofs (according to the subjoined memorandum marked B,) the presumable quantity of pages—Catalogue and Indices together—may be taken at 1,344 (or eighty-four sheets); and the estimated cost of an impression of 500 copies, at £586.

From this amount would have to be deducted the produce of the sale. Although no such sale—as respects the number of copies—could fairly be calculated upon in this case as in that of the Catalogue of the Lending Library, printed in 1854—of which, up to the present date, 843 complete copies, and 1,267 copies of the various sections have been sold—yet, if a similar plan were adopted of separately publishing and selling distinct classes and sections, there can be not the smallest doubt that the sum of at least £150. may be reckoned upon as the assured produce of such sale.

In one respect, indeed, the compact form of the "Indices" presents an advantage not possessed by the Lending Catalogue, and which would be likely to attract a class of purchasers, who might not care to possess the other and more expensive parts of the Reference Catalogue. It is highly propable, therefore, that a much larger proportion of the original outlay would in time be recovered, especially if the several sections of the Catalogue and Indices were publicly advertised as they came successively from the press.

Of the estimated 1,344 pages, 900 are assigned to the main body of the work and 444 to the Indices. This relative proportion of the index matter to the text, may appear large, but it will be easily accounted for if the Committee will observe the number of "names" and of "topics," the insertion of which one title-page will sometimes necessitate. For example:—

5. O. 13. *Megalopsychy*: being a particular and exact account of the last XVII. years of Q. *Elizabeth's* Reign, both military and civil. The first written by Sir William MONSON, one of the Queen's Admirals; the second written by Heywood TOWNSEND.....To which is added Dr. Parry's Tryal in the year 1584.

Fol. *Lond. printed for W. Crooke, 1682.*

5. O. 23. *Military Memoirs of the Great Civil War*: being the Memoirs of John GWYNNE; and an account of the Earl of GLENCAIRN's Expedition, as General of his Majesty's Forces, in the Highlands of *Scotland*, in the years 1653 and 1654. By a person who was eye and ear witness to every transaction. With an Appendix. [Edited by Sir Walter SCOTT.]

4to. *Lond. 1822.*

8. N. 12—15. *Diary of Thomas BURTON* [or rather of Nathaniel BACON?] member in the *Parliaments* of Oliver and Richard Cromwell, from 1656 to 1659, now first published from the original autograph manuscript; with an Introduction, containing an account of the Parliament of 1654, from the journal of Guibon GODDARD. Edited with notes... by John Towill RUTT. 4 vols.

8vo. *Lond. 1828.*

18. O. 12. *The Vale Royall* of England, or the County Palatine of *Chester* illustrated.. Performed by William SMITH and William WEBB. Published by Daniel KING...To which is annexed, an exact Chronology of all its Rulers and Governors both in Church and State. ...Also an excellent Discourse of the Island of *Man* [also by Daniel KING].

Folio. *Lond. 1656.*



From these four titles we have no less than twenty-one index entries, none of which can be dispensed with, save by depriving the reader of information which may be essential to the object of his search. The entries will be these:—

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| 8. N. 12. BACON, Nat. [?] <i>Diary.</i> III. 819         | 8. N. 12. RUTT, J. T. <i>Burton's Diary.</i> Edit. by III. 819 |
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The only other form of index entry, which appears to call for special remark, is that which is termed *Cross-reference*, as for example—

5. O. 23. GLENCAIRN, William, *Earl of.* See CUNNINGHAM.

These it is proposed to use very sparingly, but they will occasionally be indispensable, and, in a few cases, a single title may need two or more such references, *e. g.*—

6. O. 10. *Parallelum Olivæ, nec non Olivarii... Angliæ.. Protectoris, &c. Studiò et expensis Ludovici DE GAND Domini de BRACHEY.*

Fol. *Londini, ex typ. R. J.* 1656.

8. N. 21, 22. *Tableau Politique des règnes de Charles 2nd et de Jacques 2nd derniers rois de la maison de Stuart; précédé d'une troisième édition de l'essai sur les causes qui, en 1649, amenèrent en Angleterre l'établissement de la république, &c. [By M. BOULAY, de La Meurthe. Edited by J. B. M. BORY DE ST. VINCENT.]*

2 vols. 8vo. *Brussels*, 1818.

As the first of these authors has been sometimes called *Lewis De Gand* and sometimes *De Brachey*, and as M. Bory de St. Vincent is almost as likely to be looked for under S. or V. as under B., cross references such as these—

5. O. 10. BRACHEY, Ludov. de. See GAND.

8. N. 21. SAINT VINCENT, J. B. M. Bory de. See BORY.

8. N. 21. VINCENT, J. B. M. Bory de Saint. See BORY.

5. O. 10. OLIVER, *Lord Protector.* See CROMWELL.

would be useful. But all such references from the prepositions "DE," "VON," &c. to that part of the name which follows them may be dispensed with, by the conspicuous insertion, at the beginning of the Catalogue, of a note indicating that all *Foreign* names beginning with DE LA—DU—VON, &c. are uniformly entered under the initial letter which follows. A similar note as to the names of countries, indicating that such names are only inserted in the "Index of Topics" in their *English* form—whatever may be the language of the work catalogued—would also obviate the necessity of such cross-references as "ETATS DE L'EGLISE. See ROMAN STATES," and the like.

In conclusion, Mr. Edwards solicits the attention of the Committee to the desirableness of supplying some obvious deficiencies in the Reference Collection, the consideration of which has been hitherto, of necessity, postponed from want of funds. Amongst these will be found, not only the great majority of the important new works, in all departments, that have appeared since 1851, but a considerable number of older works, some of them rightly regarded as indispensable to a Library of Reference, and many of them amongst the books set down for purchase in the earliest lists sanctioned by the Provisional Committee, but which, as it chanced, were not then met with in the book market, in a form or at a price deemed satisfactory. Some of these deficiencies would become particularly obnoxious to remark by the absence of the well-known titles from a classified and printed Catalogue, and the more striking of them might be at once supplied with a very moderate outlay. Of some such works a list (marked C) is now respectfully submitted for the Committee's consideration, by way of Appendix to this Report.

OLD TRAFFORD, *4th August*, 1855.

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS APPENDED:—

- A. Estimates for Printing, No's. 1 to 5.
  - B. Memorandum on the cost of the preparation of the MS. and correction of the proofs.
  - C. List of Books suggested as much needed in the REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.
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